

LITTLE SWANS DAY NURSERY JUNE NEWSLETTER

The summer term is flying by, and the children are spending lots of time outdoors, despite the mixed and sometimes unseasonal weather! The coming weeks will be busy as we begin to prepare for the children's transitions to 'big' school or their new Nursery rooms. We know that life is starting to return to normal, and there are many more places that have opened up to us and hopefully more will continue to return to normal. However, we kindly ask that all of our families still follow government COVID protocols to keep our community safe. We have had feedback from parents that they have had trouble viewing their child's daily diary; the information is not displaying despite this being saved on the learning journal site. If this problem applies to you then please get in contact with the learning journal company on **01312125500** and they will be able to help you solve this. This month (week commencing 21st June) Rose (assistant manager) will be going on Maternity leave so **Elaine Boulton** (Nursery owner elaine@littleswans.org.uk) will be covering the management early morning shift. In addition, **Denise Maguire** who currently works as our SEN support will be taking over the SENCO role during this time.



Elaine
Boulton



Denise
Maguire

Our Topic at nursery for the Summer Term is.....
'All About Me'.

The book for this month is
'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

Find out what we are up to on a daily basis by following us on

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Little-Swans-Day-Nursery-100172735544166/>
Can we please ask parents to request little swans day nursery as a friend on their facebook page. We are looking to do a competition going forward.....



Rolos:

This month we will continue to learn about school. We will be acting out roles in the school. The role play area set up in Rolos contains book bags, uniforms and registers for the children to use in their play. We will be practicing writing our names using the lettered stamps, in flour and tracing our names using paint. We will look at recognising numbers 1-10 by taking part in a number hunt, making numbers using playdough and writing numbers in the sand. We will be exploring colours and how these can be changed by making marks using paint, marbles and paper in a tray. The story of the month is The Hungry Caterpillar so we will be making story maps of how the story is structured.

Heroes:

This month in Heroes the children will be writing and drawing how they feel about moving to school and use emotion cards and puppets to share this with their friends during circle time. We will be discussing what a school bag is and the things the children think will be inside a school bag such as their water bottle, jumper if they get too hot etc. The weather is getting better so the Heroes plan to have a teddy bear's picnic outside and use their problem solving skills such as working out how many plates and cups they need or that are missing.

Smarties News

This month Smarties will be exploring various materials during sensory activities such as rice, spaghetti and pasta. We will be using paints to change the colour of the materials. The Smarties will also be taking their learning outdoors such as building dens, painting and cooking in the mud kitchen. We have had lots of birthdays in the Smarties room and the children have been sharing their experiences. Therefore, to further the Smarties interest we will be setting up provision in the room such as the playdough table so that children can make birthday cakes, count out birthday candles etc. This month we will also be working on our emotions in relation to sharing resources; staff will be giving children strategies such as using the sand timer to wait their turn.

Jelly Tots News

This month the Jelly Tots are going to be learning about different animals and these will be used within sensory activities. This will include things such as washing the animals and finding the insects in the sand. The Jelly Tots will be making their Father's Day cards as well as drawing a picture of their father or special person. The Jelly Tots will be counting while engaging in activities such as building towers or counting the cars in the car wash. In addition, the Jelly Tots will continue to learn about 2D shapes such as going on shape hunts and using shapes during creative activities.

Jelly Babies:

This month the Jelly Babies will be making something special for their Daddy/special someone. This will include the babies making biscuits and decorating them. The babies will be planting sunflower seeds to take home and grow with the help from their parents! The babies will also be making their own sensory bottles, choosing different materials such as sequins, pom poms, pipe cleaners and glitter. In addition, the babies will experience different senses on their feet as staff will set up a 'sensory walk way'. The sensory walk way will include materials such as shaving foam, water, sand and feathers within trays.

Sweeties:

This month the Sweeties children will continue learning all about school and will be getting ready for the transition. We will be looking at different school uniforms and schools. In addition, we will be engaging in PE lessons outdoors (weather permitting). The Sweeties theme for this month is 'dress up' as the children have been interested in dressing up. We will be having our own catwalk. The children will design and make their own t-shirts and jewellery which they will showcase during their catwalk show with friends. It is cupcake day on the 17th June to fundraise for Alzheimer's Society, we are going to bake our own cupcakes and make them as colourful as we can! It is also music day so will be exploring different sounds and having a go at making our own instruments.

Drop in SENCO Session

Densie is the nursery's setting-based SENCO and will be offering parents and staff a virtual drop-in session (ring the nursery on Thursday 24th June 10am- 11am) This session provides you with the opportunity to seek advice if you have any concerns regarding your child's development or would like information about other professionals and their services in the local community.

Notice for Parents

- As the weather is changing can parents bring in a sun hat labelled with their child's name and also ensure sun protection is applied before coming into nursery. Thank you
- Pre-school parents please notify us of the school your child will be attending so that we can request transition photos of the school environment to show the children. Thank you.
- Please speak to management if you cannot access the learning journal site as we send important messages via this portal.
- Can we please remind all parents to bring in their child's water bottle each day filled with fresh drinking water rather than squash due to allergies. These will be refilled throughout the day and sent home at the end of each day to be cleaned.
- Please make sure that your child brings in a Nursery bag with them each day. It is also essential that they have a pair of spare clothes as children can have accidents, get messy or wet!
- If you need to change your child's drop off/ collection times please do not hesitate to get in contact with the office so that we can change these for you. For example, if you would like to change your collection time from 5pm to 6pm. We understand that working patterns / commitments can change monthly or weekly.
- If you have any old primary school uniform you could donate to the Nursery for the pre-school rooms so that they can use it within their school role-play area we would be very grateful!

Letter sound of the week

(Sweeties, Rolos and Heroes)

The timetable below highlights the sound of the week that pre-school children will be learning (please refer to your child's learning journal for more details).

Set 4 -(u,r) Set 5 (h,b,f/ff,l/ll)

07/06/21 u- learn rhyme/sound
14/06/21 r- learn rhyme/sound
21/06/21 h- learn rhyme/sound
28/06/21 b- learn rhyme/sound
01/07/21 f/ff- learn rhyme/sound
05/07/21 ll/l- learn rhyme/sound
12/07/21 Recap all sounds
19/07/21 Recap all sounds

Thank you!

June 2021 dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 8th June** National Ocean Day To help save the oceans and turtles we will be learning all about how to save our planet and how to recycle at nursery and at home. We welcome children to bring in a soft toy, plastic toy or book around the Ocean theme.
- **Saturday 12th June-** Nursery open day 11am-3pm no appointment needed. You are welcome to drop in.
- **Thursday 17th June-** Cupcake day- fundraising for Alzheimer's Society.
- **Sunday 20th June Father's Day** We hope you have a lovely day celebrating with the special men in your life.
- **Monday 21st June World Music Week** We will be listening to music from around the world and having a boogie all week, don't forget your dancing shoes.
- **Monday 21st June** - All photo orders to be returned to nursery
- **Monday 28th June** Wimbledon Starts To celebrate the start of Wimbledon we will be having a treat of strawberries and cream followed by Sports Day for all ages everyday. Lets hope the sun shines!

Coronavirus notice for parents

- Thank you once again for continuing to wear face masks/coverings, keeping your distance and for following our drop off/collection procedures.
- Please can parents make sure they are parking in designated parking bays. If the Nursery car park is full then we have permission for you to use the tile shop and social club car parks. Thank you.
- Drop off times are the following: Smarties and Pre School - 7.30am, 8.30am, 9am and 9.30am Jelly Babies - 7.40am, 8.40am, 9.10am and 9.40am
- Please could parents continue to ring the Nursery if your child is ill so that we can monitor illness. If your child is showing any signs of coronavirus they will need to isolate for 10 days or get a coronavirus test.

Thank you for your continued support to keep everyone safe.

3 year old 30 hours code:

IF YOUR CHILD IS DUE TO STAY WITH US IN SEPTEMBER AND YOU THINK YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO THE 30 HOUR ENTITLEMENT, PLEASE CHECK ONLINE AT www.chilcarechoices.gov.uk

All codes for the Autumn Term need to be received by parents from HMRC no later than 31st August 2021

2 year old funding application:

If your child is 2 and staying with us in September please check your eligibility at: [Eligibility \(sentinelpartners.co.uk\)](http://eligibility.sentinelpartners.co.uk)
<https://eee.birmingham.sentinelpartners.co.uk/SentinelPortal/applicationFundedEarly.html>

Please make sure any codes are sent to Sam Tranter
sam@littleswansdaynursery.org.uk